

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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Page 1455, after line 25, insert the following:

**1 DIVISION F—COLORADO OUT-**  
**2 DOOR RECREATION AND**  
**3 ECONOMY ACT**

**4 SEC. 6001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

**5** (a) SHORT TITLE.—This division may be cited as the  
**6** “Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act”.

**7** (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
**8** this division is as follows:

DIVISION F—COLORADO OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ECONOMY  
ACT

Sec. 6001. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 6002. Definition of State.

Sec. 6003. Determination of budgetary effects.

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Sec. 6103. Williams Fork Mountains Wilderness.

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Sec. 6107. Camp Hale National Historic Landscape.

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justment.

Sec. 6110. Administrative provisions.

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- Sec. 6203. Special management areas.
- Sec. 6204. Release of wilderness study areas.
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### TITLE III—THOMPSON DIVIDE

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- Sec. 6302. Definitions.
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- Sec. 6304. Thompson Divide lease exchange.
- Sec. 6305. Greater Thompson Divide Fugitive Coal Mine Methane Use Pilot Program.
- Sec. 6306. Effect.

### TITLE IV—CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

- Sec. 6401. Definitions.
- Sec. 6402. Curecanti National Recreation Area.
- Sec. 6403. Acquisition of land; boundary management.
- Sec. 6404. General management plan.
- Sec. 6405. Boundary survey.

#### 1 **SEC. 6002. DEFINITION OF STATE.**

2       In this division, the term “State” means the State  
3 of Colorado.

#### 4 **SEC. 6003. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

5       The budgetary effects of this division, for the purpose  
6 of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of  
7 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest state-  
8 ment titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation”  
9 for this division, submitted for printing in the Congres-  
10 sional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Com-  
11 mittee, provided that such statement has been submitted  
12 prior to the vote on passage.

### 13 **TITLE I—CONTINENTAL DIVIDE**

#### 14 **SEC. 6101. DEFINITIONS.**

15       In this title:

1           (1) COVERED AREA.—The term “covered area”  
2       means any area designated as wilderness by the  
3       amendments to section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilder-  
4       ness Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law  
5       103–77) made by section 6102(a).

6           (2) HISTORIC LANDSCAPE.—The term “His-  
7       toric Landscape” means the Camp Hale National  
8       Historic Landscape designated by section 6107(a).

9           (3) RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA.—The  
10      term “Recreation Management Area” means the  
11      Tenmile Recreation Management Area designated by  
12      section 6104(a).

13          (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14      the Secretary of Agriculture.

15          (5) WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA.—The  
16      term “Wildlife Conservation Area” means, as appli-  
17      cable—

18                (A) the Porcupine Gulch Wildlife Con-  
19              servation Area designated by section 6105(a);  
20              and

21                (B) the Williams Fork Mountains Wildlife  
22              Conservation Area designated by section  
23              6106(a).

1 **SEC. 6102. COLORADO WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.**

2 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 2(a) of the Colorado Wil-  
3 derness Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law  
4 103–77) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (18), by striking “1993,” and  
6 inserting “1993, and certain Federal land within the  
7 White River National Forest that comprises approxi-  
8 mately 6,896 acres, as generally depicted as ‘Pro-  
9 posed Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness Additions’ on the  
10 map entitled ‘Proposed Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness  
11 Additions’ and dated June 24, 2019,”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(23) HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS ADDITION.—  
14 Certain Federal land within the White River Na-  
15 tional Forest that comprises approximately 3,866  
16 acres, as generally depicted as ‘Proposed Megan  
17 Dickie Wilderness Addition’ on the map entitled  
18 ‘Holy Cross Wilderness Addition Proposal’ and  
19 dated June 24, 2019, which shall be incorporated  
20 into, and managed as part of, the Holy Cross Wil-  
21 derness designated by section 102(a)(5) of Public  
22 Law 96–560 (94 Stat. 3266).

23 “(24) HOOSIER RIDGE WILDERNESS.—Certain  
24 Federal land within the White River National Forest  
25 that comprises approximately 5,235 acres, as gen-  
26 erally depicted as ‘Proposed Hoosier Ridge Wilder-

1       ness’ on the map entitled ‘Tenmile Proposal’ and  
2       dated June 24, 2019, which shall be known as the  
3       ‘Hoosier Ridge Wilderness’.

4               “(25) TENMILE WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal  
5       land within the White River National Forest that  
6       comprises approximately 7,624 acres, as generally  
7       depicted as ‘Proposed Tenmile Wilderness’ on the  
8       map entitled ‘Tenmile Proposal’ and dated June 24,  
9       2019, which shall be known as the ‘Tenmile Wilder-  
10      ness’.

11              “(26) EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS ADDI-  
12      TIONS.—Certain Federal land within the White  
13      River National Forest that comprises approximately  
14      9,670 acres, as generally depicted as ‘Proposed  
15      Freeman Creek Wilderness Addition’ and ‘Proposed  
16      Spraddle Creek Wilderness Addition’ on the map en-  
17      titled ‘Eagles Nest Wilderness Additions Proposal’  
18      and dated June 24, 2019, which shall be incor-  
19      porated into, and managed as part of, the Eagles  
20      Nest Wilderness designated by Public Law 94–352  
21      (90 Stat. 870).”.

22              (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Any reference in the Wilder-  
23      ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) to the effective date  
24      of that Act shall be considered to be a reference to the

1 date of enactment of this Act for purposes of admin-  
2 istering a covered area.

3 (c) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—In accordance  
4 with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
5 1133(d)(1)), the Secretary may carry out any activity in  
6 a covered area that the Secretary determines to be nec-  
7 essary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases, subject  
8 to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines  
9 to be appropriate.

10 (d) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock on a covered  
11 area, if established before the date of enactment of this  
12 Act, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reason-  
13 able regulations as are considered to be necessary by the  
14 Secretary, in accordance with—

15 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16  
16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

17 (2) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of  
18 the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular  
19 Affairs of the House of Representatives accom-  
20 panying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (H. Rept.  
21 101–405).

22 (e) COORDINATION.—For purposes of administering  
23 the Federal land designated as wilderness by paragraph  
24 (26) of section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of  
25 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as

1 added by subsection (a)(2)), the Secretary shall, as deter-  
2 mined to be appropriate for the protection of watersheds,  
3 coordinate the activities of the Secretary in response to  
4 fires and flooding events with interested State and local  
5 agencies, including operations using aircraft or mecha-  
6 nized equipment.

7 **SEC. 6103. WILLIAMS FORK MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of  
9 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain Fed-  
10 eral land in the White River National Forest in the State,  
11 comprising approximately 8,036 acres and generally de-  
12 picted as “Proposed Williams Fork Mountains Wilder-  
13 ness” on the map entitled “Williams Fork Mountains Pro-  
14 posal” and dated June 24, 2019, is designated as a poten-  
15 tial wilderness area.

16 (b) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights  
17 and except as provided in subsection (d), the potential wil-  
18 derness area designated by subsection (a) shall be man-  
19 aged in accordance with—

20 (1) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
21 seq.); and

22 (2) this section.

23 (c) LIVESTOCK USE OF VACANT ALLOTMENTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after  
25 the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance

1 with applicable laws (including regulations), the Sec-  
2 retary shall publish a determination regarding  
3 whether to authorize livestock grazing or other use  
4 by livestock on the vacant allotments known as—

5 (A) the “Big Hole Allotment”; and

6 (B) the “Blue Ridge Allotment”.

7 (2) MODIFICATION OF ALLOTMENTS.—In pub-  
8 lishing a determination pursuant to paragraph (1),  
9 the Secretary may modify or combine the vacant al-  
10 lotments referred to in that paragraph.

11 (3) PERMIT OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION.—Not  
12 later than 1 year after the date on which a deter-  
13 mination of the Secretary to authorize livestock  
14 grazing or other use by livestock is published under  
15 paragraph (1), if applicable, the Secretary shall  
16 grant a permit or other authorization for that live-  
17 stock grazing or other use in accordance with appli-  
18 cable laws (including regulations).

19 (d) RANGE IMPROVEMENTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary permits live-  
21 stock grazing or other use by livestock on the poten-  
22 tial wilderness area under subsection (c), the Sec-  
23 retary, or a third party authorized by the Secretary,  
24 may use any motorized or mechanized transport or  
25 equipment for purposes of constructing or rehabili-



1       tating such range improvements as are necessary to  
2       obtain appropriate livestock management objectives  
3       (including habitat and watershed restoration).

4               (2) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The au-  
5       thority provided by this subsection terminates on the  
6       date that is 2 years after the date on which the Sec-  
7       retary publishes a positive determination under sub-  
8       section (c)(3).

9       (e) DESIGNATION AS WILDERNESS.—

10              (1) DESIGNATION.—The potential wilderness  
11       area designated by subsection (a) shall be designated  
12       as wilderness, to be known as the “Williams Fork  
13       Mountains Wilderness”—

14                      (A) effective not earlier than the date that  
15       is 180 days after the date of enactment this  
16       Act; and

17                      (B) on the earliest of—

18                              (i) the date on which the Secretary  
19       publishes in the Federal Register a notice  
20       that the construction or rehabilitation of  
21       range improvements under subsection (d)  
22       is complete;

23                              (ii) the date described in subsection  
24       (d)(2); and

1 (iii) the effective date of a determina-  
2 tion of the Secretary not to authorize live-  
3 stock grazing or other use by livestock  
4 under subsection (c)(1).

5 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing  
6 rights, the Secretary shall manage the Williams  
7 Fork Mountains Wilderness in accordance with—

8 (A) the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
9 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77);  
10 and

11 (B) this title.

12 **SEC. 6104. TENMILE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA.**

13 (a) DESIGNATION.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
14 the approximately 17,122 acres of Federal land in the  
15 White River National Forest in the State, as generally de-  
16 picted as “Proposed Tenmile Recreation Management  
17 Area” on the map entitled “Tenmile Proposal” and dated  
18 June 24, 2019, are designated as the “Tenmile Recreation  
19 Management Area”.

20 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Recreation  
21 Management Area are to conserve, protect, and enhance  
22 for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future gen-  
23 erations the recreational, scenic, watershed, habitat, and  
24 ecological resources of the Recreation Management Area.

25 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
2           the Recreation Management Area—

3                   (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,  
4                   and enhances—

5                           (i) the purposes of the Recreation  
6                           Management Area described in subsection  
7                           (b); and

8                           (ii) recreation opportunities, including  
9                           mountain biking, hiking, fishing, horseback  
10                          riding, snowshoeing, climbing, skiing,  
11                          camping, and hunting; and

12                          (B) in accordance with—

13                               (i) the Forest and Rangeland Renew-  
14                               able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16  
15                               U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);

16                               (ii) any other applicable laws (includ-  
17                               ing regulations); and

18                               (iii) this section.

19           (2) USES.—

20                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
21                   only allow such uses of the Recreation Manage-  
22                   ment Area as the Secretary determines would  
23                   further the purposes described in subsection  
24                   (b).

25                   (B) VEHICLES.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
2 in clause (iii), the use of motorized vehicles  
3 in the Recreation Management Area shall  
4 be limited to the roads, vehicle classes, and  
5 periods authorized for motorized vehicle  
6 use on the date of enactment of this Act.

7 (ii) NEW OR TEMPORARY ROADS.—  
8 Except as provided in clause (iii), no new  
9 or temporary road shall be constructed in  
10 the Recreation Management Area.

11 (iii) EXCEPTIONS.—Nothing in clause  
12 (i) or (ii) prevents the Secretary from—

13 (I) rerouting or closing an exist-  
14 ing road or trail to protect natural re-  
15 sources from degradation, as the Sec-  
16 retary determines to be appropriate;

17 (II) authorizing the use of motor-  
18 ized vehicles for administrative pur-  
19 poses or roadside camping;

20 (III) constructing temporary  
21 roads or permitting the use of motor-  
22 ized vehicles to carry out pre- or post-  
23 fire watershed protection projects;

24 (IV) authorizing the use of mo-  
25 torized vehicles to carry out any activ-

1                   ity described in subsection (d), (e)(1),  
2                   or (f); or

3                   (V) responding to an emergency.

4                   (C) COMMERCIAL TIMBER.—

5                   (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
6                   (ii), no project shall be carried out in the  
7                   Recreation Management Area for the pur-  
8                   pose of harvesting commercial timber.

9                   (ii) LIMITATION.—Nothing in clause  
10                  (i) prevents the Secretary from harvesting  
11                  or selling a merchantable product that is a  
12                  byproduct of an activity authorized under  
13                  this section.

14               (d) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—The Secretary  
15               may carry out any activity, in accordance with applicable  
16               laws (including regulations), that the Secretary deter-  
17               mines to be necessary to prevent, control, or mitigate fire,  
18               insects, or disease in the Recreation Management Area,  
19               subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary de-  
20               termines to be appropriate.

21               (e) WATER.—

22               (1) EFFECT ON WATER MANAGEMENT INFRA-  
23               STRUCTURE.—Nothing in this section affects the  
24               construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement, op-

1       eration, maintenance, or renovation within the  
2       Recreation Management Area of—

3               (A) water management infrastructure in  
4               existence on the date of enactment of this Act;  
5               or

6               (B) any future infrastructure necessary for  
7               the development or exercise of water rights de-  
8               creed before the date of enactment of this Act.

9               (2) APPLICABLE LAW.—Section 3(e) of the  
10       James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area Act  
11       (Public Law 107–216; 116 Stat. 1058) shall apply  
12       to the Recreation Management Area.

13       (f) REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—Noth-  
14       ing in this section precludes the Secretary from author-  
15       izing, in accordance with applicable laws (including regula-  
16       tions), the use or leasing of Federal land within the Recre-  
17       ation Management Area for—

18               (1) a regional transportation project, includ-  
19       ing—

20               (A) highway widening or realignment; and

21               (B) construction of multimodal transpor-  
22       tation systems; or

23               (2) any infrastructure, activity, or safety meas-  
24       ure associated with the implementation or use of a  
25       facility constructed under paragraph (1).

1 (g) APPLICABLE LAW.—Nothing in this section af-  
2 fects the designation of the Federal land within the Recre-  
3 ation Management Area for purposes of—

4 (1) section 138 of title 23, United States Code;

5 or

6 (2) section 303 of title 49, United States Code.

7 (h) PERMITS.—Nothing in this section alters or lim-  
8 its—

9 (1) any permit held by a ski area or other enti-  
10 ty; or

11 (2) the acceptance, review, or implementation of  
12 associated activities or facilities proposed or author-  
13 ized by law or permit outside the boundaries of the  
14 Recreation Management Area.

15 **SEC. 6105. PORCUPINE GULCH WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**  
16 **AREA.**

17 (a) DESIGNATION.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
18 the approximately 8,287 acres of Federal land located in  
19 the White River National Forest, as generally depicted as  
20 “Proposed Porcupine Gulch Wildlife Conservation Area”  
21 on the map entitled “Porcupine Gulch Wildlife Conserva-  
22 tion Area Proposal” and dated June 24, 2019, are des-  
23 igned as the “Porcupine Gulch Wildlife Conservation  
24 Area” (referred to in this section as the “Wildlife Con-  
25 servation Area”).

1 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Wildlife Con-  
2 servation Area are—

3 (1) to conserve and protect a wildlife migration  
4 corridor over Interstate 70; and

5 (2) to conserve, protect, and enhance for the  
6 benefit and enjoyment of present and future genera-  
7 tions the wildlife, scenic, roadless, watershed, and  
8 ecological resources of the Wildlife Conservation  
9 Area.

10 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
12 the Wildlife Conservation Area—

13 (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,  
14 and enhances the purposes described in sub-  
15 section (b); and

16 (B) in accordance with—

17 (i) the Forest and Rangeland Renew-  
18 able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16  
19 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);

20 (ii) any other applicable laws (includ-  
21 ing regulations); and

22 (iii) this section.

23 (2) USES.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
25 only allow such uses of the Wildlife Conserva-



1           tion Area as the Secretary determines would  
2           further the purposes described in subsection  
3           (b).

4           (B) RECREATION.—The Secretary may  
5           permit such recreational activities in the Wild-  
6           life Conservation Area that the Secretary deter-  
7           mines are consistent with the purposes de-  
8           scribed in subsection (b).

9           (C) MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND MECHA-  
10          NIZED TRANSPORT; NEW OR TEMPORARY  
11          ROADS.—

12           (i) MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND  
13          MECHANIZED TRANSPORT.—Except as pro-  
14          vided in clause (iii), the use of motorized  
15          vehicles and mechanized transport in the  
16          Wildlife Conservation Area shall be prohib-  
17          ited.

18           (ii) NEW OR TEMPORARY ROADS.—  
19          Except as provided in clause (iii) and sub-  
20          section (e), no new or temporary road shall  
21          be constructed within the Wildlife Con-  
22          servation Area.

23           (iii) EXCEPTIONS.—Nothing in clause  
24          (i) or (ii) prevents the Secretary from—

1 (I) authorizing the use of motor-  
2 ized vehicles or mechanized transport  
3 for administrative purposes;

4 (II) constructing temporary  
5 roads or permitting the use of motor-  
6 ized vehicles or mechanized transport  
7 to carry out pre- or post-fire water-  
8 shed protection projects;

9 (III) authorizing the use of mo-  
10 torized vehicles or mechanized trans-  
11 port to carry out activities described  
12 in subsection (d) or (e); or

13 (IV) responding to an emergency.

14 (D) COMMERCIAL TIMBER.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
16 (ii), no project shall be carried out in the  
17 Wildlife Conservation Area for the purpose  
18 of harvesting commercial timber.

19 (ii) LIMITATION.—Nothing in clause  
20 (i) prevents the Secretary from harvesting  
21 or selling a merchantable product that is a  
22 byproduct of an activity authorized under  
23 this section.

24 (d) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—The Secretary  
25 may carry out any activity, in accordance with applicable

1 laws (including regulations), that the Secretary deter-  
2 mines to be necessary to prevent, control, or mitigate fire,  
3 insects, or disease in the Wildlife Conservation Area, sub-  
4 ject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary deter-  
5 mines to be appropriate.

6 (e) REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—Noth-  
7 ing in this section or section 6110(e) precludes the Sec-  
8 retary from authorizing, in accordance with applicable  
9 laws (including regulations), the use or leasing of Federal  
10 land within the Wildlife Conservation Area for—

11 (1) a regional transportation project, includ-  
12 ing—

13 (A) highway widening or realignment; and

14 (B) construction of multimodal transpor-  
15 tation systems; or

16 (2) any infrastructure, activity, or safety meas-  
17 ure associated with the implementation or use of a  
18 facility constructed under paragraph (1).

19 (f) APPLICABLE LAW.—Nothing in this section af-  
20 fects the designation of the Federal land within the Wild-  
21 life Conservation Area for purposes of—

22 (1) section 138 of title 23, United States Code;

23 or

24 (2) section 303 of title 49, United States Code.

1 (g) WATER.—Section 3(e) of the James Peak Wilder-  
2 ness and Protection Area Act (Public Law 107–216; 116  
3 Stat. 1058) shall apply to the Wildlife Conservation Area.

4 **SEC. 6106. WILLIAMS FORK MOUNTAINS WILDLIFE CON-**  
5 **SERVATION AREA.**

6 (a) DESIGNATION.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
7 the approximately 3,528 acres of Federal land in the  
8 White River National Forest in the State, as generally de-  
9 picted as “Proposed Williams Fork Mountains Wildlife  
10 Conservation Area” on the map entitled “Williams Fork  
11 Mountains Proposal” and dated June 24, 2019, are des-  
12 ignated as the “Williams Fork Mountains Wildlife Con-  
13 servation Area” (referred to in this section as the “Wild-  
14 life Conservation Area”).

15 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Wildlife Con-  
16 servation Area are to conserve, protect, and enhance for  
17 the benefit and enjoyment of present and future genera-  
18 tions the wildlife, scenic, roadless, watershed, recreational,  
19 and ecological resources of the Wildlife Conservation Area.

20 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
22 the Wildlife Conservation Area—

23 (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,  
24 and enhances the purposes described in sub-  
25 section (b); and

1 (B) in accordance with—

2 (i) the Forest and Rangeland Renew-  
3 able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16  
4 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);

5 (ii) any other applicable laws (includ-  
6 ing regulations); and

7 (iii) this section.

8 (2) USES.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
10 only allow such uses of the Wildlife Conserva-  
11 tion Area as the Secretary determines would  
12 further the purposes described in subsection  
13 (b).

14 (B) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
16 in clause (iii), the use of motorized vehicles  
17 in the Wildlife Conservation Area shall be  
18 limited to designated roads and trails.

19 (ii) NEW OR TEMPORARY ROADS.—  
20 Except as provided in clause (iii), no new  
21 or temporary road shall be constructed in  
22 the Wildlife Conservation Area.

23 (iii) EXCEPTIONS.—Nothing in clause  
24 (i) or (ii) prevents the Secretary from—

1 (I) authorizing the use of motor-  
2 ized vehicles for administrative pur-  
3 poses;

4 (II) authorizing the use of motor-  
5 ized vehicles to carry out activities de-  
6 scribed in subsection (d); or

7 (III) responding to an emer-  
8 gency.

9 (C) BICYCLES.—The use of bicycles in the  
10 Wildlife Conservation Area shall be limited to  
11 designated roads and trails.

12 (D) COMMERCIAL TIMBER.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
14 (ii), no project shall be carried out in the  
15 Wildlife Conservation Area for the purpose  
16 of harvesting commercial timber.

17 (ii) LIMITATION.—Nothing in clause  
18 (i) prevents the Secretary from harvesting  
19 or selling a merchantable product that is a  
20 byproduct of an activity authorized under  
21 this section.

22 (E) GRAZING.—The laws (including regu-  
23 lations) and policies followed by the Secretary  
24 in issuing and administering grazing permits or  
25 leases on land under the jurisdiction of the Sec-

1           retary shall continue to apply with regard to  
2           the land in the Wildlife Conservation Area, con-  
3           sistent with the purposes described in sub-  
4           section (b).

5           (d) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—The Secretary  
6   may carry out any activity, in accordance with applicable  
7   laws (including regulations), that the Secretary deter-  
8   mines to be necessary to prevent, control, or mitigate fire,  
9   insects, or disease in the Wildlife Conservation Area, sub-  
10   ject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary deter-  
11   mines to be appropriate.

12          (e) REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—Noth-  
13   ing in this section or section 6110(e) precludes the Sec-  
14   retary from authorizing, in accordance with applicable  
15   laws (including regulations), the use or leasing of Federal  
16   land within the Wildlife Conservation Area for—

17           (1) a regional transportation project, includ-  
18   ing—

19                   (A) highway widening or realignment; and

20                   (B) construction of multimodal transpor-  
21   tation systems; or

22           (2) any infrastructure, activity, or safety meas-  
23   ure associated with the implementation or use of a  
24   facility constructed under paragraph (1).

1 (f) WATER.—Section 3(e) of the James Peak Wilder-  
2 ness and Protection Area Act (Public Law 107–216; 116  
3 Stat. 1058) shall apply to the Wildlife Conservation Area.

4 **SEC. 6107. CAMP HALE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDSCAPE.**

5 (a) DESIGNATION.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
6 the approximately 28,676 acres of Federal land in the  
7 White River National Forest in the State, as generally de-  
8 picted as “Proposed Camp Hale National Historic Land-  
9 scape” on the map entitled “Camp Hale National Historic  
10 Landscape Proposal” and dated June 24, 2019, are des-  
11 ignated the “Camp Hale National Historic Landscape”.

12 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Historic Land-  
13 scape are—

14 (1) to provide for—

15 (A) the interpretation of historic events,  
16 activities, structures, and artifacts of the His-  
17 toric Landscape, including with respect to the  
18 role of the Historic Landscape in local, na-  
19 tional, and world history;

20 (B) the historic preservation of the His-  
21 toric Landscape, consistent with—

22 (i) the designation of the Historic  
23 Landscape as a national historic site; and

24 (ii) the other purposes of the Historic  
25 Landscape;



1 (C) recreational opportunities, with an em-  
2 phasis on the activities related to the historic  
3 use of the Historic Landscape, including skiing,  
4 snowshoeing, snowmobiling, hiking, horseback  
5 riding, climbing, other road- and trail-based ac-  
6 tivities, and other outdoor activities; and

7 (D) the continued environmental remedi-  
8 ation and removal of unexploded ordnance at  
9 the Camp Hale Formerly Used Defense Site  
10 and the Camp Hale historic cantonment area;  
11 and

12 (2) to conserve, protect, restore, and enhance  
13 for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future  
14 generations the scenic, watershed, and ecological re-  
15 sources of the Historic Landscape.

16 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
18 the Historic Landscape in accordance with—

19 (A) the purposes of the Historic Landscape  
20 described in subsection (b); and

21 (B) any other applicable laws (including  
22 regulations).

23 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years  
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1           retary shall prepare a management plan for the  
2           Historic Landscape.

3                   (B) CONTENTS.—The management plan  
4           prepared under subparagraph (A) shall include  
5           plans for—

6                           (i) improving the interpretation of his-  
7                           toric events, activities, structures, and arti-  
8                           facts of the Historic Landscape, including  
9                           with respect to the role of the Historic  
10                          Landscape in local, national, and world  
11                          history;

12                          (ii) conducting historic preservation  
13                          and veteran outreach and engagement ac-  
14                          tivities;

15                          (iii) managing recreational opportuni-  
16                          ties, including the use and stewardship  
17                          of—

18                                   (I) the road and trail systems;

19                                   and

20                                   (II) dispersed recreation re-  
21                                   sources;

22                           (iv) the conservation, protection, res-  
23                           toration, or enhancement of the scenic, wa-  
24                           tershed, and ecological resources of the  
25                           Historic Landscape, including conducting

1 the restoration and enhancement project  
2 under subsection (d); and

3 (v) environmental remediation and,  
4 consistent with subsection (e)(2), the re-  
5 moval of unexploded ordnance.

6 (3) EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS.—The Secretary shall  
7 provide to the Secretary of the Army a notification  
8 of any unexploded ordnance (as defined in section  
9 101(e) of title 10, United States Code) that is dis-  
10 covered in the Historic Landscape.

11 (d) CAMP HALE RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT  
12 PROJECT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct  
14 a restoration and enhancement project in the His-  
15 toric Landscape—

16 (A) to improve aquatic, riparian, and wet-  
17 land conditions in and along the Eagle River  
18 and tributaries of the Eagle River;

19 (B) to maintain or improve recreation and  
20 interpretive opportunities and facilities; and

21 (C) to conserve historic values in the Camp  
22 Hale area.

23 (2) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the  
24 project described in paragraph (1), the Secretary  
25 shall coordinate with—

1 (A) the United States Army Corps of En-  
2 gineers;

3 (B) the Camp Hale-Eagle River Head-  
4 waters Collaborative Group;

5 (C) the National Forest Foundation;

6 (D) the Colorado Department of Public  
7 Health and Environment;

8 (E) the Colorado State Historic Preserva-  
9 tion Office;

10 (F) units of local government; and

11 (G) other interested organizations and  
12 members of the public.

13 (e) ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army  
15 shall continue to carry out the projects and activities  
16 of the Department of the Army in existence on the  
17 date of enactment of this Act relating to cleanup  
18 of—

19 (A) the Camp Hale Formerly Used De-  
20 fense Site; or

21 (B) the Camp Hale historic cantonment  
22 area.

23 (2) REMOVAL OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
25 Army may remove unexploded ordnance (as de-

1            fined in section 101(e) of title 10, United  
2            States Code) from the Historic Landscape, as  
3            the Secretary of the Army determines to be ap-  
4            propriate in accordance with applicable law (in-  
5            cluding regulations).

6            (B) ACTION ON RECEIPT OF NOTICE.—On  
7            receipt from the Secretary of a notification of  
8            unexploded ordnance under subsection (c)(3),  
9            the Secretary of the Army may remove the  
10          unexploded ordnance in accordance with—

11            (i) the program for environmental res-  
12            toration of formerly used defense sites  
13            under section 2701 of title 10, United  
14            States Code;

15            (ii) the Comprehensive Environmental  
16            Response, Compensation, and Liability Act  
17            of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.); and

18            (iii) any other applicable provision of  
19            law (including regulations).

20          (3) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this  
21          subsection modifies any obligation in existence on  
22          the date of enactment of this Act relating to envi-  
23          ronmental remediation or removal of any unexploded  
24          ordnance located in or around the Camp Hale his-  
25          toric cantonment area, the Camp Hale Formerly

1       Used Defense Site, or the Historic Landscape, in-  
2       cluding such an obligation under—

3               (A) the program for environmental restora-  
4               tion of formerly used defense sites under sec-  
5               tion 2701 of title 10, United States Code;

6               (B) the Comprehensive Environmental Re-  
7               sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
8               1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.); or

9               (C) any other applicable provision of law  
10              (including regulations).

11       (f) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—The Secretary and  
12       the Secretary of the Army shall enter into an agreement—

13              (1) to specify—

14                      (A) the activities of the Secretary relating  
15                      to the management of the Historic Landscape;  
16                      and

17                      (B) the activities of the Secretary of the  
18                      Army relating to environmental remediation  
19                      and the removal of unexploded ordnance in ac-  
20                      cordance with subsection (e) and other applica-  
21                      ble laws (including regulations); and

22              (2) to require the Secretary to provide to the  
23       Secretary of the Army, by not later than 1 year  
24       after the date of enactment of this Act and periodi-  
25       cally thereafter, as appropriate, a management plan

1 for the Historic Landscape for purposes of the re-  
2 moval activities described in subsection (e).

3 (g) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section—

4 (1) affects the jurisdiction of the State over any  
5 water law, water right, or adjudication or adminis-  
6 tration relating to any water resource;

7 (2) affects any water right in existence on or  
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, or the exer-  
9 cise of such a water right, including—

10 (A) a water right under an interstate  
11 water compact (including full development of  
12 any apportionment made in accordance with  
13 such a compact);

14 (B) a water right decreed within, above,  
15 below, or through the Historic Landscape;

16 (C) a water right held by the United  
17 States;

18 (D) the management or operation of any  
19 reservoir, including the storage, management,  
20 release, or transportation of water; and

21 (E) the construction or operation of such  
22 infrastructure as is determined to be necessary  
23 by an individual or entity holding water rights  
24 to develop and place to beneficial use those

1 rights, subject to applicable Federal, State, and  
2 local law (including regulations);

3 (3) constitutes an express or implied reservation  
4 by the United States of any reserved or appropria-  
5 tive water right;

6 (4) alters or limits—

7 (A) a permit held by a ski area;

8 (B) the implementation of activities gov-  
9 erned by a ski area permit; or

10 (C) the authority of the Secretary to mod-  
11 ify or expand an existing ski area permit;

12 (5) prevents the Secretary from closing portions  
13 of the Historic Landscape for public safety, environ-  
14 mental remediation, or other use in accordance with  
15 applicable laws; or

16 (6) affects—

17 (A) any special use permit in effect on the  
18 date of enactment of this Act; or

19 (B) the renewal of a permit described in  
20 subparagraph (A).

21 (h) FUNDING.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the  
23 general fund of the Treasury a special account, to  
24 be known as the “Camp Hale Historic Preservation  
25 and Restoration Fund”.



1           (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           There is authorized to be appropriated to the Camp  
3           Hale Historic Preservation and Restoration Fund  
4           \$10,000,000, to be available to the Secretary until  
5           expended, for activities relating to historic interpre-  
6           tation, preservation, and restoration carried out in  
7           and around the Historic Landscape.

8           (i) DESIGNATION OF OVERLOOK.—The interpretive  
9           site located beside United States Route 24 in the State,  
10          at 39.431N 106.323W, is hereby designated as the  
11          “Sandy Treat Overlook”.

12       **SEC. 6108. WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY**  
13                               **MODIFICATION.**

14          (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the White River  
15          National Forest is modified to include the approximately  
16          120 acres comprised of the SW 1/4, the SE 1/4, and the  
17          NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of sec. 1, T. 2 S., R. 80 W., 6th  
18          Principal Meridian, in Summit County in the State.

19          (b) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.—For  
20          purposes of section 200306 of title 54, United States  
21          Code, the boundaries of the White River National Forest,  
22          as modified under subsection (a), shall be considered to  
23          be the boundaries of the White River National Forest as  
24          in existence on January 1, 1965.

1   **SEC. 6109. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK POTENTIAL**  
2                   **WILDERNESS BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

3           (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to pro-  
4 vide for the ongoing maintenance and use of portions of  
5 the Trail River Ranch and the associated property located  
6 within Rocky Mountain National Park in Grand County  
7 in the State.

8           (b) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1952(b) of  
9 the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub-  
10 lic Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1070) is amended by adding  
11 at the end the following:

12                   “(3) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary  
13 of the Potential Wilderness is modified to exclude  
14 the area comprising approximately 15.5 acres of  
15 land identified as ‘Potential Wilderness to Non-wil-  
16 derness’ on the map entitled ‘Rocky Mountain Na-  
17 tional Park Proposed Wilderness Area Amendment’  
18 and dated January 16, 2018.”.

19   **SEC. 6110. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

20           (a) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-  
21 fects the jurisdiction or responsibility of the State with  
22 respect to fish and wildlife in the State.

23           (b) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

24                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title or an  
25 amendment made by this title establishes a protec-  
26 tive perimeter or buffer zone around—

- 1 (A) a covered area;
- 2 (B) a wilderness area or potential wilder-
- 3 ness area designated by section 6103;
- 4 (C) the Recreation Management Area;
- 5 (D) a Wildlife Conservation Area; or
- 6 (E) the Historic Landscape.

7 (2) OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—The fact that a non-

8 wilderness activity or use on land outside of a cov-

9 ered area can be seen or heard from within the cov-

10 ered area shall not preclude the activity or use out-

11 side the boundary of the covered area.

12 (c) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after

14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary

15 shall file maps and legal descriptions of each area

16 described in subsection (b)(1) with—

17 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources

18 of the House of Representatives; and

19 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural

20 Resources of the Senate.

21 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—Each map and legal de-

22 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the

23 same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-

24 cept that the Secretary may correct any typo-

25 graphical errors in the maps and legal descriptions.

1           (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and  
2       legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be  
3       on file and available for public inspection in the ap-  
4       propriate offices of the Forest Service.

5       (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire  
7       any land or interest in land within the boundaries of  
8       an area described in subsection (b)(1) only through  
9       exchange, donation, or purchase from a willing sell-  
10      er.

11          (2) MANAGEMENT.—Any land or interest in  
12      land acquired under paragraph (1) shall be incor-  
13      porated into, and administered as a part of, the wil-  
14      derness area, Recreation Management Area, Wildlife  
15      Conservation Area, or Historic Landscape, as appli-  
16      cable, in which the land or interest in land is lo-  
17      cated.

18      (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in exist-  
19      ence on the date of enactment of this Act, the areas de-  
20      scribed in subsection (b)(1) are withdrawn from—

21          (1) entry, appropriation, and disposal under the  
22      public land laws;

23          (2) location, entry, and patent under mining  
24      laws; and

1           (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral  
2           materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

3           (f) **MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.**—Nothing in this title  
4 or an amendment made by this title restricts or pre-  
5 cludes—

6           (1) any low-level overflight of military aircraft  
7           over any area subject to this title or an amendment  
8           made by this title, including military overflights that  
9           can be seen, heard, or detected within such an area;

10          (2) flight testing or evaluation over an area de-  
11          scribed in paragraph (1); or

12          (3) the use or establishment of—

13                (A) any new unit of special use airspace  
14                over an area described in paragraph (1); or

15                (B) any military flight training or trans-  
16                portation over such an area.

17          (g) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-  
18 gress that military aviation training on Federal public  
19 lands in Colorado, including the training conducted at the  
20 High-Altitude Army National Guard Aviation Training  
21 Site, is critical to the national security of the United  
22 States and the readiness of the Armed Forces.

## 23 **TITLE II—SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS**

### 24 **SEC. 6201. DEFINITIONS.**

25          In this title:

1 (1) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”  
2 means—

3 (A) land designated as wilderness under  
4 paragraphs (27) through (29) of section 2(a) of  
5 the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 (16  
6 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
7 added by section 6202); and

8 (B) a Special Management Area.

9 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of Agriculture.

11 (3) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.—The term  
12 “Special Management Area” means each of—

13 (A) the Sheep Mountain Special Manage-  
14 ment Area designated by section 6203(a)(1);  
15 and

16 (B) the Liberty Bell East Special Manage-  
17 ment Area designated by section 6203(a)(2).

18 **SEC. 6202. ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESER-**  
19 **VATION SYSTEM.**

20 Section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
21 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as amended  
22 by section 6102(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end  
23 the following:

24 “(27) LIZARD HEAD WILDERNESS ADDITION.—  
25 Certain Federal land in the Grand Mesa,

1 Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests com-  
2 prising approximately 3,141 acres, as generally de-  
3 picted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Wilson, Sun-  
4 shine, Black Face and San Bernardo Additions to  
5 the Lizard Head Wilderness’ and dated September  
6 6, 2018, which is incorporated in, and shall be ad-  
7 ministered as part of, the Lizard Head Wilderness.

8 “(28) MOUNT SNEFFELS WILDERNESS ADDI-  
9 TIONS.—

10 “(A) LIBERTY BELL AND LAST DOLLAR  
11 ADDITIONS.—Certain Federal land in the  
12 Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison Na-  
13 tional Forests comprising approximately 7,235  
14 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
15 ‘Proposed Liberty Bell and Last Dollar Addi-  
16 tions to the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness, Liberty  
17 Bell East Special Management Area’ and dated  
18 September 6, 2018, which is incorporated in,  
19 and shall be administered as part of, the Mount  
20 Sneffels Wilderness.

21 “(B) WHITEHOUSE ADDITIONS.—Certain  
22 Federal land in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre,  
23 and Gunnison National Forests comprising ap-  
24 proximately 12,465 acres, as generally depicted  
25 on the map entitled ‘Proposed Whitehouse Ad-

1           ditions to the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness’ and  
2           dated September 6, 2018, which is incorporated  
3           in, and shall be administered as part of, the  
4           Mount Sneffels Wilderness.

5           “(29) MCKENNA PEAK WILDERNESS.—Certain  
6           Federal land in the State of Colorado comprising ap-  
7           proximately 8,884 acres of Bureau of Land Manage-  
8           ment land, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
9           ‘Proposed McKenna Peak Wilderness Area’ and  
10          dated September 18, 2018, to be known as the  
11          ‘McKenna Peak Wilderness’.”.

12 **SEC. 6203. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

13          (a) DESIGNATION.—

14               (1) SHEEP MOUNTAIN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT  
15          AREA.—The Federal land in the Grand Mesa,  
16          Uncompahgre, and Gunnison and San Juan Na-  
17          tional Forests in the State comprising approximately  
18          21,663 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-  
19          tled “Proposed Sheep Mountain Special Manage-  
20          ment Area” and dated September 19, 2018, is des-  
21          ignated as the “Sheep Mountain Special Manage-  
22          ment Area”.

23               (2) LIBERTY BELL EAST SPECIAL MANAGE-  
24          MENT AREA.—The Federal land in the Grand Mesa,  
25          Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in



1 the State comprising approximately 792 acres, as  
2 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed  
3 Liberty Bell and Last Dollar Additions to the Mt.  
4 Sneffels Wilderness, Liberty Bell East Special Man-  
5 agement Area” and dated September 6, 2018, is  
6 designated as the “Liberty Bell East Special Man-  
7 agement Area”.

8 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Special Manage-  
9 ment Areas is to conserve and protect for the benefit and  
10 enjoyment of present and future generations the geologi-  
11 cal, cultural, archaeological, paleontological, natural, sci-  
12 entific, recreational, wilderness, wildlife, riparian, histor-  
13 ical, educational, and scenic resources of the Special Man-  
14 agement Areas.

15 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
17 the Special Management Areas in a manner that—

18 (A) conserves, protects, and enhances the  
19 resources and values of the Special Manage-  
20 ment Areas described in subsection (b);

21 (B) subject to paragraph (3), maintains or  
22 improves the wilderness character of the Special  
23 Management Areas and the suitability of the  
24 Special Management Areas for potential inclu-

1 sion in the National Wilderness Preservation  
2 System; and

3 (C) is in accordance with—

4 (i) the National Forest Management  
5 Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);

6 (ii) this title; and

7 (iii) any other applicable laws.

8 (2) PROHIBITIONS.—The following shall be pro-  
9 hibited in the Special Management Areas:

10 (A) Permanent roads.

11 (B) Except as necessary to meet the min-  
12 imum requirements for the administration of  
13 the Federal land, to provide access for aban-  
14 doned mine cleanup, and to protect public  
15 health and safety—

16 (i) the use of motor vehicles, motor-  
17 ized equipment, or mechanical transport  
18 (other than as provided in paragraph (3));  
19 and

20 (ii) the establishment of temporary  
21 roads.

22 (3) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
24 allow any activities (including helicopter access  
25 for recreation and maintenance and the com-

1           petitive running event permitted since 1992)  
2           that have been authorized by permit or license  
3           as of the date of enactment of this Act to con-  
4           tinue within the Special Management Areas,  
5           subject to such terms and conditions as the  
6           Secretary may require.

7                   (B) PERMITTING.—The designation of the  
8           Special Management Areas by subsection (a)  
9           shall not affect the issuance of permits relating  
10          to the activities covered under subparagraph  
11          (A) after the date of enactment of this Act.

12                   (C) BICYCLES.—The Secretary may permit  
13          the use of bicycles in—

14                   (i) the portion of the Sheep Mountain  
15           Special Management Area identified as  
16           “Ophir Valley Area” on the map entitled  
17           “Proposed Sheep Mountain Special Man-  
18           agement Area” and dated September 19,  
19           2018; and

20                   (ii) the portion of the Liberty Bell  
21           East Special Management Area identified  
22           as “Liberty Bell Corridor” on the map en-  
23           titled “Proposed Liberty Bell and Last  
24           Dollar Additions to the Mt. Sneffels Wil-

1                   derness, Liberty Bell East Special Manage-  
2                   ment Area” and dated September 6, 2018.

3           (d) APPLICABLE LAW.—Water and water rights in  
4 the Special Management Areas shall be administered in  
5 accordance with section 8 of the Colorado Wilderness Act  
6 of 1993 (Public Law 103–77; 107 Stat. 762), except that,  
7 for purposes of this division—

8           (1) any reference contained in that section to  
9           “the lands designated as wilderness by this Act”,  
10          “the Piedra, Roubideau, and Tabeguache areas iden-  
11          tified in section 9 of this Act, or the Bowen Gulch  
12          Protection Area or the Fossil Ridge Recreation Man-  
13          agement Area identified in sections 5 and 6 of this  
14          Act”, or “the areas described in sections 2, 5, 6, and  
15          9 of this Act” shall be considered to be a reference  
16          to “the Special Management Areas”; and

17          (2) any reference contained in that section to  
18          “this Act” shall be considered to be a reference to  
19          “the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy  
20          Act”.

21 **SEC. 6204. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

22          (a) DOMINGUEZ CANYON WILDERNESS STUDY  
23 AREA.—Subtitle E of title II of Public Law 111–11 is  
24 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 2408 (16 U.S.C.  
2 460zzz-7) as section 2409; and

3 (2) by inserting after section 2407 (16 U.S.C.  
4 460zzz-6) the following:

5 **“SEC. 2408. RELEASE.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Congress finds that, for the pur-  
7 poses of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and  
8 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), the por-  
9 tions of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Study Area  
10 not designated as wilderness by this subtitle have been  
11 adequately studied for wilderness designation.

12 “(b) RELEASE.—Any public land referred to in sub-  
13 section (a) that is not designated as wilderness by this  
14 subtitle—

15 “(1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of  
16 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
17 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

18 “(2) shall be managed in accordance with this  
19 subtitle and any other applicable laws.”.

20 (b) MCKENNA PEAK WILDERNESS STUDY AREA.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress finds that, for the  
22 purposes of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Pol-  
23 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
24 1782(c)), the portions of the McKenna Peak Wilder-  
25 ness Study Area in San Miguel County in the State

1 not designated as wilderness by paragraph (29) of  
2 section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
3 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
4 added by section 6202) have been adequately studied  
5 for wilderness designation.

6 (2) RELEASE.—Any public land referred to in  
7 paragraph (1) that is not designated as wilderness  
8 by paragraph (29) of section 2(a) of the Colorado  
9 Wilderness Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Pub-  
10 lic Law 103–77) (as added by section 6202)—

11 (A) is no longer subject to section 603(c)  
12 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
13 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

14 (B) shall be managed in accordance with  
15 applicable laws.

16 **SEC. 6205. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

17 (a) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-  
18 fects the jurisdiction or responsibility of the State with  
19 respect to fish and wildlife in the State.

20 (b) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title estab-  
22 lishes a protective perimeter or buffer zone around  
23 covered land.

24 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS.—The  
25 fact that a nonwilderness activity or use on land out-

1 side of the covered land can be seen or heard from  
2 within covered land shall not preclude the activity or  
3 use outside the boundary of the covered land.

4 (c) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary or  
7 the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate, shall  
8 file a map and a legal description of each wilderness  
9 area designated by paragraphs (27) through (29) of  
10 section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
11 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
12 added by section 6202) and the Special Management  
13 Areas with—

14 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
15 of the House of Representatives; and

16 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
17 Resources of the Senate.

18 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—Each map and legal de-  
19 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
20 same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-  
21 cept that the Secretary or the Secretary of the Inte-  
22 rior, as appropriate, may correct any typographical  
23 errors in the maps and legal descriptions.

24 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and  
25 legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be

1 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-  
2 propriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management  
3 and the Forest Service.

4 (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the Sec-  
6 retary of the Interior, as appropriate, may acquire  
7 any land or interest in land within the boundaries of  
8 a Special Management Area or the wilderness des-  
9 ignated under paragraphs (27) through (29) of sec-  
10 tion 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
11 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
12 added by section 6202) only through exchange, do-  
13 nation, or purchase from a willing seller.

14 (2) MANAGEMENT.—Any land or interest in  
15 land acquired under paragraph (1) shall be incor-  
16 porated into, and administered as a part of, the wil-  
17 derness or Special Management Area in which the  
18 land or interest in land is located.

19 (e) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock on covered  
20 land, if established before the date of enactment of this  
21 Act, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reason-  
22 able regulations as are considered to be necessary by the  
23 Secretary with jurisdiction over the covered land, in ac-  
24 cordance with—



1           (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16  
2       U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

3           (2) the applicable guidelines set forth in Appen-  
4       dix A of the report of the Committee on Interior and  
5       Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives ac-  
6       companying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (H.  
7       Rept. 101–405) or H.R. 5487 of the 96th Congress  
8       (H. Rept. 96–617).

9       (f) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—In accordance  
10     with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
11     1133(d)(1)), the Secretary with jurisdiction over a wilder-  
12     ness area designated by paragraphs (27) through (29) of  
13     section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 (16  
14     U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as added by sec-  
15     tion 6202) may carry out any activity in the wilderness  
16     area that the Secretary determines to be necessary for the  
17     control of fire, insects, and diseases, subject to such terms  
18     and conditions as the Secretary determines to be appro-  
19     priate.

20       (g) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in exist-  
21     ence on the date of enactment of this Act, the covered  
22     land and the approximately 6,590 acres generally depicted  
23     on the map entitled “Proposed Naturita Canyon Mineral  
24     Withdrawal Area” and dated September 6, 2018, is with-  
25     drawn from—

1 (1) entry, appropriation, and disposal under the  
2 public land laws;

3 (2) location, entry, and patent under mining  
4 laws; and

5 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral  
6 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

## 7 **TITLE III—THOMPSON DIVIDE**

### 8 **SEC. 6301. PURPOSES.**

9 The purposes of this title are—

10 (1) subject to valid existing rights, to withdraw  
11 certain Federal land in the Thompson Divide area  
12 from mineral and other disposal laws; and

13 (2) to promote the capture of fugitive methane  
14 emissions that would otherwise be emitted into the  
15 atmosphere—

16 (A) to reduce methane gas emissions; and

17 (B) to provide—

18 (i) new renewable electricity supplies  
19 and other beneficial uses of fugitive meth-  
20 ane emissions; and

21 (ii) increased royalties for taxpayers.

### 22 **SEC. 6302. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this title:

24 (1) FUGITIVE METHANE EMISSIONS.—The term  
25 “fugitive methane emissions” means methane gas

1 from those Federal lands in Garfield, Gunnison,  
2 Delta, or Pitkin County in the State generally de-  
3 picted on the pilot program map as “Fugitive Coal  
4 Mine Methane Use Pilot Program Area” that would  
5 leak or be vented into the atmosphere from an ac-  
6 tive, inactive or abandoned underground coal mine.

7 (2) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term “pilot pro-  
8 gram” means the Greater Thompson Divide Fugitive  
9 Coal Mine Methane Use Pilot Program established  
10 by section 6305(a)(1).

11 (3) PILOT PROGRAM MAP.—The term “pilot  
12 program map” means the map entitled “Greater  
13 Thompson Divide Fugitive Coal Mine Methane Use  
14 Pilot Program Area” and dated June 17, 2019.

15 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
16 the Secretary of the Interior.

17 (5) THOMPSON DIVIDE LEASE.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Thompson  
19 Divide lease” means any oil or gas lease in ef-  
20 fect on the date of enactment of this Act within  
21 the Thompson Divide Withdrawal and Protec-  
22 tion Area.

23 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “Thompson  
24 Divide lease” does not include any oil or gas  
25 lease that—

1 (i) is associated with a Wolf Creek  
2 Storage Field development right; or

3 (ii) before the date of enactment of  
4 this Act, has expired, been cancelled, or  
5 otherwise terminated.

6 (6) THOMPSON DIVIDE MAP.—The term  
7 “Thompson Divide map” means the map entitled  
8 “Greater Thompson Divide Area Map” and dated  
9 June 13, 2019.

10 (7) THOMPSON DIVIDE WITHDRAWAL AND PRO-  
11TECTION AREA.—The term “Thompson Divide With-  
12drawal and Protection Area” means the Federal  
13land and minerals generally depicted on the Thomp-  
14son Divide map as the “Thompson Divide With-  
15drawal and Protection Area”.

16 (8) WOLF CREEK STORAGE FIELD DEVELOP-  
17MENT RIGHT.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Wolf Creek  
19Storage Field development right” means a de-  
20velopment right for any of the Federal mineral  
21leases numbered COC 007496, COC 007497,  
22COC 007498, COC 007499, COC 007500, COC  
23007538, COC 008128, COC 015373, COC  
240128018, COC 051645, and COC 051646, and

1 generally depicted on the Thompson Divide map  
2 as “Wolf Creek Storage Agreement”.

3 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “Wolf Creek  
4 Storage Field development right” does not in-  
5 clude any storage right or related activity with-  
6 in the area described in subparagraph (A).

7 **SEC. 6303. THOMPSON DIVIDE WITHDRAWAL AND PROTEC-**  
8 **TION AREA.**

9 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
10 the Thompson Divide Withdrawal and Protection Area is  
11 withdrawn from—

12 (1) entry, appropriation, and disposal under the  
13 public land laws;

14 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
15 laws; and

16 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral  
17 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

18 (b) SURVEYS.—The exact acreage and legal descrip-  
19 tion of the Thompson Divide Withdrawal and Protection  
20 Area shall be determined by surveys approved by the Sec-  
21 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture.

22 (c) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock on covered  
23 land, if established before the date of enactment of this  
24 Act, shall be allowed to continue subject to such reason-

1 able regulations as are considered to be necessary by the  
2 Secretary with jurisdiction over the covered land.

3 **SEC. 6304. THOMPSON DIVIDE LEASE EXCHANGE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In exchange for the relinquish-  
5 ment by a leaseholder of all Thompson Divide leases of  
6 the leaseholder, the Secretary may issue to the leaseholder  
7 credits for any bid, royalty, or rental payment due under  
8 any Federal oil or gas lease on Federal land in the State,  
9 in accordance with subsection (b).

10 (b) AMOUNT OF CREDITS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
12 the amount of the credits issued to a leaseholder of  
13 a Thompson Divide lease relinquished under sub-  
14 section (a) shall—

15 (A) be equal to the sum of—

16 (i) the amount of the bonus bids paid  
17 for the applicable Thompson Divide leases;

18 (ii) the amount of any rental paid for  
19 the applicable Thompson Divide leases as  
20 of the date on which the leaseholder sub-  
21 mits to the Secretary a notice of the deci-  
22 sion to relinquish the applicable Thompson  
23 Divide leases; and

24 (iii) the amount of any expenses in-  
25 curred by the leaseholder of the applicable

1 Thompson Divide leases in the preparation  
2 of any drilling permit, sundry notice, or  
3 other related submission in support of the  
4 development of the applicable Thompson  
5 Divide leases as of January 28, 2019, in-  
6 cluding any expenses relating to the prepa-  
7 ration of any analysis under the National  
8 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42  
9 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

10 (B) require the approval of the Secretary.

11 (2) EXCLUSION.—The amount of a credit  
12 issued under subsection (a) shall not include any ex-  
13 penses paid by the leaseholder of a Thompson Divide  
14 lease for legal fees or related expenses for legal work  
15 with respect to a Thompson Divide lease.

16 (c) CANCELLATION.—Effective on relinquishment  
17 under this section, and without any additional action by  
18 the Secretary, a Thompson Divide lease—

19 (1) shall be permanently cancelled; and

20 (2) shall not be reissued.

21 (d) CONDITIONS.—

22 (1) APPLICABLE LAW.—Except as otherwise  
23 provided in this section, each exchange under this  
24 section shall be conducted in accordance with—

25 (A) this division; and

1 (B) other applicable laws (including regu-  
2 lations).

3 (2) ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS.—The Secretary  
4 shall accept credits issued under subsection (a) in  
5 the same manner as cash for the payments described  
6 in that subsection.

7 (3) APPLICABILITY.—The use of a credit issued  
8 under subsection (a) shall be subject to the laws (in-  
9 cluding regulations) applicable to the payments de-  
10 scribed in that subsection, to the extent that the  
11 laws are consistent with this section.

12 (4) TREATMENT OF CREDITS.—All amounts in  
13 the form of credits issued under subsection (a) ac-  
14 cepted by the Secretary shall be considered to be  
15 amounts received for the purposes of—

16 (A) section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act  
17 (30 U.S.C. 191); and

18 (B) section 20 of the Geothermal Steam  
19 Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1019).

20 (e) WOLF CREEK STORAGE FIELD DEVELOPMENT  
21 RIGHTS.—

22 (1) CONVEYANCE TO SECRETARY.—As a condi-  
23 tion precedent to the relinquishment of a Thompson  
24 Divide lease, any leaseholder with a Wolf Creek  
25 Storage Field development right shall permanently



1       relinquish, transfer, and otherwise convey to the  
2       Secretary, in a form acceptable to the Secretary, all  
3       Wolf Creek Storage Field development rights of the  
4       leaseholder.

5               (2) LIMITATION OF TRANSFER.—An interest  
6       acquired by the Secretary under paragraph (1)—

7                       (A) shall be held in perpetuity; and

8                       (B) shall not be—

9                               (i) transferred;

10                              (ii) reissued; or

11                             (iii) otherwise used for mineral extrac-  
12       tion.

13   **SEC. 6305. GREATER THOMPSON DIVIDE FUGITIVE COAL**  
14               **MINE METHANE USE PILOT PROGRAM.**

15       (a) FUGITIVE COAL MINE METHANE USE PILOT  
16   PROGRAM.—

17               (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
18       the Bureau of Land Management a pilot program,  
19       to be known as the “Greater Thompson Divide Fu-  
20       gitive Coal Mine Methane Use Pilot Program”.

21               (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the pilot pro-  
22       gram is to promote the capture, beneficial use, miti-  
23       gation, and sequestration of fugitive methane emis-  
24       sions—

25                       (A) to reduce methane emissions;

- 1 (B) to promote economic development;
- 2 (C) to produce bid and royalty revenues;
- 3 (D) to improve air quality; and
- 4 (E) to improve public safety.

5 (3) PLAN.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
7 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
8 the Secretary shall develop a plan—

9 (i) to complete an inventory of fugitive  
10 methane emissions in accordance with sub-  
11 section (b);

12 (ii) to provide for the leasing of fugi-  
13 tive methane emissions in accordance with  
14 subsection (c); and

15 (iii) to provide for the capping or de-  
16 struction of fugitive methane emissions in  
17 accordance with subsection (d).

18 (B) COORDINATION.—In developing the  
19 plan under this paragraph, the Secretary shall  
20 coordinate with—

21 (i) the State;

22 (ii) Garfield, Gunnison, Delta, and  
23 Pitkin Counties in the State;

24 (iii) lessees of Federal coal within the  
25 counties referred to in clause (ii);

1 (iv) interested institutions of higher  
2 education in the State; and

3 (v) interested members of the public.

4 (b) FUGITIVE METHANE EMISSION INVENTORY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
7 shall complete an inventory of fugitive methane  
8 emissions.

9 (2) CONDUCT.—The Secretary may conduct the  
10 inventory under paragraph (1) through, or in col-  
11 laboration with—

12 (A) the Bureau of Land Management;

13 (B) the United States Geological Survey;

14 (C) the Environmental Protection Agency;

15 (D) the United States Forest Service;

16 (E) State departments or agencies;

17 (F) Garfield, Gunnison, Delta, or Pitkin  
18 County in the State;

19 (G) the Garfield County Federal Mineral  
20 Lease District;

21 (H) institutions of higher education in the  
22 State;

23 (I) lessees of Federal coal within a county  
24 referred to in subparagraph (F);

1 (J) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
2 Administration;

3 (K) the National Center for Atmospheric  
4 Research; or

5 (L) other interested entities, including  
6 members of the public.

7 (3) CONTENTS.—The inventory under para-  
8 graph (1) shall include—

9 (A) the general location and geographic co-  
10 ordinates of each vent, seep, or other source  
11 producing significant fugitive methane emis-  
12 sions;

13 (B) an estimate of the volume and con-  
14 centration of fugitive methane emissions from  
15 each source of significant fugitive methane  
16 emissions including details of measurements  
17 taken and the basis for that emissions estimate;

18 (C) an estimate of the total volume of fugi-  
19 tive methane emissions each year;

20 (D) relevant data and other information  
21 available from—

22 (i) the Environmental Protection  
23 Agency;

24 (ii) the Mine Safety and Health Ad-  
25 ministration;

1 (iii) Colorado Department of Natural  
2 Resources;

3 (iv) Colorado Public Utility Commis-  
4 sion;

5 (v) Colorado Department of Health  
6 and Environment; and

7 (vi) Office of Surface Mining Rec-  
8 lamation and Enforcement; and

9 (E) such other information as may be use-  
10 ful in advancing the purposes of the pilot pro-  
11 gram.

12 (4) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION; DISCLOSURE.—

13 (A) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—The Sec-  
14 retary shall provide opportunities for public  
15 participation in the inventory under this sub-  
16 section.

17 (B) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall  
18 make the inventory under this subsection pub-  
19 licly available.

20 (C) DISCLOSURE.—Nothing in this sub-  
21 section requires the Secretary to publicly re-  
22 lease information that—

23 (i) poses a threat to public safety;

24 (ii) is confidential business informa-  
25 tion; or

1 (iii) is otherwise protected from public  
2 disclosure.

3 (5) USE.—The Secretary shall use the inven-  
4 tory in carrying out—

5 (A) the leasing program under subsection  
6 (c); and

7 (B) the capping or destruction of fugitive  
8 methane emissions under subsection (d).

9 (c) FUGITIVE METHANE EMISSION LEASING PRO-  
10 GRAM.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
12 rights and in accordance with this section, not later  
13 than 1 year after the date of completion of the in-  
14 ventory required under subsection (b), the Secretary  
15 shall carry out a program to encourage the use and  
16 destruction of fugitive methane emissions.

17 (2) FUGITIVE METHANE EMISSIONS FROM COAL  
18 MINES SUBJECT TO LEASE.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall au-  
20 thorize the holder of a valid existing Federal  
21 coal lease for a mine that is producing fugitive  
22 methane emissions to capture for use, or de-  
23 stroy by flaring, the fugitive methane emissions.

24 (B) CONDITIONS.—The authority under  
25 subparagraph (A) shall be—

1 (i) subject to valid existing rights; and

2 (ii) subject to such terms and condi-

3 tions as the Secretary may require.

4 (C) LIMITATIONS.—The program carried

5 out under paragraph (1) shall only include fugi-

6 tive methane emissions that can be captured for

7 use, or destroyed by flaring, in a manner that

8 does not—

9 (i) endanger the safety of any coal

10 mine worker; or

11 (ii) unreasonably interfere with any

12 ongoing operation at a coal mine.

13 (D) COOPERATION.—

14 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall

15 work cooperatively with the holders of valid

16 existing Federal coal leases for mines that

17 produce fugitive methane emissions to en-

18 courage—

19 (I) the capture of fugitive meth-

20 ane emissions for beneficial use, such

21 as generating electrical power, pro-

22 ducing usable heat, transporting the

23 methane to market, transforming the

24 fugitive methane emissions into a dif-

25 ferent marketable material; or

1 (II) if the beneficial use of the  
2 fugitive methane emissions is not fea-  
3 sible, the destruction of the fugitive  
4 methane emissions by flaring.

5 (ii) GUIDANCE.—In furtherance of the  
6 purposes of this paragraph, not later than  
7 1 year after the date of enactment of this  
8 Act, the Secretary shall issue guidance for  
9 the implementation of Federal authorities  
10 and programs to encourage the capture for  
11 use, or destruction by flaring, of fugitive  
12 methane emissions while minimizing im-  
13 pacts on natural resources or other public  
14 interest values.

15 (E) ROYALTIES.—The Secretary shall de-  
16 termine whether any fugitive methane emissions  
17 used or destroyed pursuant to this paragraph  
18 are subject to the payment of a royalty under  
19 applicable law.

20 (3) FUGITIVE METHANE EMISSIONS FROM  
21 ABANDONED COAL MINES.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise  
23 provided in this section, notwithstanding section  
24 6303, subject to valid existing rights, and in ac-  
25 cordance with section 21 of the Mineral Leasing



1 Act (30 U.S.C. 241) and any other applicable  
2 law, the Secretary shall—

3 (i) authorize the capture for use, or  
4 destruction by flaring, of fugitive methane  
5 emissions from abandoned coal mines on  
6 Federal land; and

7 (ii) make available for leasing such fu-  
8 gitive methane emissions from abandoned  
9 coal mines on Federal land as the Sec-  
10 retary considers to be in the public inter-  
11 est.

12 (B) SOURCE.—To the maximum extent  
13 practicable, the Secretary shall offer for lease  
14 each significant vent, seep, or other source of  
15 fugitive methane emissions from abandoned  
16 coal mines.

17 (C) BID QUALIFICATIONS.—A bid to lease  
18 fugitive methane emissions under this para-  
19 graph shall specify whether the prospective les-  
20 see intends—

21 (i) to capture the fugitive methane  
22 emissions for beneficial use, such as gener-  
23 ating electrical power, producing usable  
24 heat, transporting the methane to market,

1 transforming the fugitive methane emis-  
2 sions into a different marketable material;

3 (ii) to destroy the fugitive methane  
4 emissions by flaring; or

5 (iii) to employ a specific combination  
6 of—

7 (I) capturing the fugitive meth-  
8 ane emissions for beneficial use; and

9 (II) destroying the fugitive meth-  
10 ane emission by flaring.

11 (D) PRIORITY.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—If there is more  
13 than one qualified bid for a lease under  
14 this paragraph, the Secretary shall select  
15 the bid that the Secretary determines is  
16 likely to most significantly advance the  
17 public interest.

18 (ii) CONSIDERATIONS.—In deter-  
19 mining the public interest under clause (i),  
20 the Secretary shall take into consider-  
21 ation—

22 (I) the size of the overall de-  
23 crease in the time-integrated radiative  
24 forcing of the fugitive methane emis-  
25 sions;

1 (II) the impacts to other natural  
2 resource values, including wildlife,  
3 water, and air; and

4 (III) other public interest values,  
5 including scenic, economic, recreation,  
6 and cultural values.

7 (E) LEASE FORM.—

8 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
9 develop and provide to prospective bidders  
10 a lease form for leases issued under this  
11 paragraph.

12 (ii) DUE DILIGENCE.—The lease form  
13 developed under clause (i) shall include  
14 terms and conditions requiring the leased  
15 fugitive methane emissions to be put to  
16 beneficial use or flared by not later than 1  
17 year after the date of issuance of the lease.

18 (F) ROYALTY RATE.—The Secretary shall  
19 develop a minimum bid and royalty rate for  
20 leases under this paragraph to advance the pur-  
21 poses of this section, to the maximum extent  
22 practicable.

23 (d) SEQUESTRATION.—If, by not later than 4 years  
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, any significant  
25 fugitive methane emissions from abandoned coal mines on

1 Federal land are not leased under subsection (c)(3), the  
2 Secretary shall, in accordance with applicable law, take all  
3 reasonable measures—

4 (1) to cap those fugitive methane emissions at  
5 the source in any case in which the cap will result  
6 in the long-term sequestration of all or a significant  
7 portion of the fugitive methane emissions; or

8 (2) if sequestration under paragraph (1) is not  
9 feasible, destroy the fugitive methane emissions by  
10 flaring.

11 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 4 years  
12 after the date of enactment of this Act the Secretary shall  
13 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy  
15 and Natural Resources of the Senate a report detailing—

16 (1) the economic and environmental impacts of  
17 the pilot program, including information on in-  
18 creased royalties and estimates of avoided green-  
19 house gas emissions; and

20 (2) any recommendations by the Secretary on  
21 whether the pilot program could be expanded geo-  
22 graphically to include other significant sources of fu-  
23 gitive methane emissions from coal mines.

1 **SEC. 6306. EFFECT.**

2 Except as expressly provided in this title, nothing in  
3 this title—

4 (1) expands, diminishes, or impairs any valid  
5 existing mineral leases, mineral interest, or other  
6 property rights wholly or partially within the  
7 Thompson Divide Withdrawal and Protection Area,  
8 including access to the leases, interests, rights, or  
9 land in accordance with applicable Federal, State,  
10 and local laws (including regulations);

11 (2) prevents the capture of methane from any  
12 active, inactive, or abandoned coal mine covered by  
13 this title, in accordance with applicable laws; or

14 (3) prevents access to, or the development of,  
15 any new or existing coal mine or lease in Delta or  
16 Gunnison County in the State.

17 **TITLE IV—CURECANTI**  
18 **NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

19 **SEC. 6401. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this title:

21 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
22 titled “Curecanti National Recreation Area, Pro-  
23 posed Boundary”, numbered 616/100,485C, and  
24 dated August 11, 2016.

25 (2) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—The term  
26 “National Recreation Area” means the Curecanti

1 National Recreation Area established by section  
2 6402(a).

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 **SEC. 6402. CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Effective beginning on the  
7 earlier of the date on which the Secretary approves a re-  
8 quest under subsection (c)(2)(B)(i)(I) and the date that  
9 is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, there  
10 shall be established as a unit of the National Park System  
11 the Curecanti National Recreation Area, in accordance  
12 with this division, consisting of approximately 50,667  
13 acres of land in the State, as generally depicted on the  
14 map as “Curecanti National Recreation Area Proposed  
15 Boundary”.

16 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file  
17 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-  
18 fices of the National Park Service.

19 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
21 ister the National Recreation Area in accordance  
22 with—

23 (A) this title; and

24 (B) the laws (including regulations) gen-  
25 erally applicable to units of the National Park

1           System, including section 100101(a), chapter  
2           1003, and sections 100751(a), 100752,  
3           100753, and 102101 of title 54, United States  
4           Code.

5           (2) DAM, POWER PLANT, AND RESERVOIR MAN-  
6           AGEMENT AND OPERATIONS.—

7           (A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title af-  
8           fects or interferes with the authority of the Sec-  
9           retary—

10                   (i) to operate the Uncompahgre Valley  
11                   Reclamation Project under the reclamation  
12                   laws;

13                   (ii) to operate the Wayne N. Aspinall  
14                   Unit of the Colorado River Storage Project  
15                   under the Act of April 11, 1956 (com-  
16                   monly known as the “Colorado River Stor-  
17                   age Project Act”) (43 U.S.C. 620 et seq.);  
18                   or

19                   (iii) under the Federal Water Project  
20                   Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460l–12 et  
21                   seq.).

22           (B) RECLAMATION LAND.—

23                   (i) SUBMISSION OF REQUEST TO RE-  
24                   TAIN ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—If,  
25                   before the date that is 1 year after the

1 date of enactment of this Act, the Commis-  
2 sioner of Reclamation submits to the Sec-  
3 retary a request for the Commissioner of  
4 Reclamation to retain administrative juris-  
5 diction over the minimum quantity of land  
6 within the land identified on the map as  
7 “Lands withdrawn or acquired for Bureau  
8 of Reclamation projects” that the Commis-  
9 sioner of Reclamation identifies as nec-  
10 essary for the effective operation of Bu-  
11 reau of Reclamation water facilities, the  
12 Secretary may—

13 (I) approve, approve with modi-  
14 fications, or disapprove the request;  
15 and

16 (II) if the request is approved  
17 under subclause (I), make any modi-  
18 fications to the map that are nec-  
19 essary to reflect that the Commis-  
20 sioner of Reclamation retains manage-  
21 ment authority over the minimum  
22 quantity of land required to fulfill the  
23 reclamation mission.

24 (ii) TRANSFER OF LAND.—



1 (I) IN GENERAL.—Administrative  
2 jurisdiction over the land identified on  
3 the map as “Lands withdrawn or ac-  
4 quired for Bureau of Reclamation  
5 projects”, as modified pursuant to  
6 clause (i)(II), if applicable, shall be  
7 transferred from the Commissioner of  
8 Reclamation to the Director of the  
9 National Park Service by not later  
10 than the date that is 1 year after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act.

12 (II) ACCESS TO TRANSFERRED  
13 LAND.—

14 (aa) IN GENERAL.—Subject  
15 to item (bb), the Commissioner  
16 of Reclamation shall retain ac-  
17 cess to the land transferred to  
18 the Director of the National Park  
19 Service under subclause (I) for  
20 reclamation purposes, including  
21 for the operation, maintenance,  
22 and expansion or replacement of  
23 facilities.

24 (bb) MEMORANDUM OF UN-  
25 DERSTANDING.—The terms of

1 the access authorized under item  
2 (aa) shall be determined by a  
3 memorandum of understanding  
4 entered into between the Com-  
5 missioner of Reclamation and the  
6 Director of the National Park  
7 Service not later than 1 year  
8 after the date of enactment of  
9 this Act.

10 (3) MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
12 enter into management agreements, or modify  
13 management agreements in existence on the  
14 date of enactment of this Act, relating to the  
15 authority of the Director of the National Park  
16 Service, the Commissioner of Reclamation, the  
17 Director of the Bureau of Land Management,  
18 or the Chief of the Forest Service to manage  
19 Federal land within or adjacent to the boundary  
20 of the National Recreation Area.

21 (B) STATE LAND.—The Secretary may  
22 enter into cooperative management agreements  
23 for any land administered by the State that is  
24 within or adjacent to the National Recreation  
25 Area, in accordance with the cooperative man-

1           agement authority under section 101703 of title  
2           54, United States Code.

3           (4) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—

4                 (A) AUTHORIZATION.—Except as provided  
5           in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall allow  
6           boating, boating-related activities, hunting, and  
7           fishing in the National Recreation Area in ac-  
8           cordance with applicable Federal and State  
9           laws.

10           (B) CLOSURES; DESIGNATED ZONES.—

11                 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, act-  
12           ing through the Superintendent of the Na-  
13           tional Recreation Area, may designate  
14           zones in which, and establish periods dur-  
15           ing which, no boating, hunting, or fishing  
16           shall be permitted in the National Recre-  
17           ation Area under subparagraph (A) for  
18           reasons of public safety, administration, or  
19           compliance with applicable laws.

20                 (ii) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—Ex-  
21           cept in the case of an emergency, any clo-  
22           sure proposed by the Secretary under  
23           clause (i) shall not take effect until after  
24           the date on which the Superintendent of

1 the National Recreation Area consults  
2 with—

3 (I) the appropriate State agency  
4 responsible for hunting and fishing  
5 activities; and

6 (II) the Board of County Com-  
7 missioners in each county in which  
8 the zone is proposed to be designated.

9 (5) LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE.—On the written  
10 request of an individual that owns private land lo-  
11 cated not more than 3 miles from the boundary of  
12 the National Recreation Area, the Secretary may  
13 work in partnership with the individual to enhance  
14 the long-term conservation of natural, cultural, rec-  
15 reational, and scenic resources in and around the  
16 National Recreation Area—

17 (A) by acquiring all or a portion of the pri-  
18 vate land or interests in private land located  
19 not more than 3 miles from the boundary of the  
20 National Recreation Area by purchase, ex-  
21 change, or donation, in accordance with section  
22 6403;

23 (B) by providing technical assistance to the  
24 individual, including cooperative assistance;

25 (C) through available grant programs; and

1 (D) by supporting conservation easement  
2 opportunities.

3 (6) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing  
4 rights, all Federal land within the National Recre-  
5 ation Area is withdrawn from—

6 (A) entry, appropriation, and disposal  
7 under the public land laws;

8 (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
9 mining laws; and

10 (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-  
11 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

12 (7) GRAZING.—

13 (A) STATE LAND SUBJECT TO A STATE  
14 GRAZING LEASE.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—If State land ac-  
16 quired under this title is subject to a State  
17 grazing lease in effect on the date of acqui-  
18 sition, the Secretary shall allow the grazing  
19 to continue for the remainder of the term  
20 of the lease, subject to the related terms  
21 and conditions of user agreements, includ-  
22 ing permitted stocking rates, grazing fee  
23 levels, access rights, and ownership and  
24 use of range improvements.

1 (ii) ACCESS.—A lessee of State land  
2 may continue its use of established routes  
3 within the National Recreation Area to ac-  
4 cess State land for purposes of admin-  
5 istering the lease if the use was permitted  
6 before the date of enactment of this Act,  
7 subject to such terms and conditions as the  
8 Secretary may require.

9 (B) STATE AND PRIVATE LAND.—The Sec-  
10 retary may, in accordance with applicable laws,  
11 authorize grazing on land acquired from the  
12 State or private landowners under section 6403,  
13 if grazing was established before the date of ac-  
14 quisition.

15 (C) PRIVATE LAND.—On private land ac-  
16 quired under section 6403 for the National  
17 Recreation Area on which authorized grazing is  
18 occurring before the date of enactment of this  
19 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the les-  
20 see, may allow the continuation and renewal of  
21 grazing on the land based on the terms of ac-  
22 quisition or by agreement between the Secretary  
23 and the lessee, subject to applicable law (includ-  
24 ing regulations).

1 (D) FEDERAL LAND.—The Secretary  
2 shall—

3 (i) allow, consistent with the grazing  
4 leases, uses, and practices in effect as of  
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the con-  
6 tinuation and renewal of grazing on Fed-  
7 eral land located within the boundary of  
8 the National Recreation Area on which  
9 grazing is allowed before the date of enact-  
10 ment of this Act, unless the Secretary de-  
11 termines that grazing on the Federal land  
12 would present unacceptable impacts (as de-  
13 fined in section 1.4.7.1 of the National  
14 Park Service document entitled “Manage-  
15 ment Policies 2006: The Guide to Man-  
16 aging the National Park System”) to the  
17 natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic  
18 resource values and the character of the  
19 land within the National Recreation Area;  
20 and

21 (ii) retain all authorities to manage  
22 grazing in the National Recreation Area.

23 (E) TERMINATION OF LEASES.—Within  
24 the National Recreation Area, the Secretary  
25 may—

1 (i) accept the voluntary termination of  
2 a lease or permit for grazing; or

3 (ii) in the case of a lease or permit va-  
4 cated for a period of 3 or more years, ter-  
5 minate the lease or permit.

6 (8) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this title—

7 (A) affects any use or allocation in exist-  
8 ence on the date of enactment of this Act of  
9 any water, water right, or interest in water;

10 (B) affects any vested absolute or decreed  
11 conditional water right in existence on the date  
12 of enactment of this Act, including any water  
13 right held by the United States;

14 (C) affects any interstate water compact in  
15 existence on the date of enactment of this Act;

16 (D) authorizes or imposes any new re-  
17 served Federal water right;

18 (E) shall be considered to be a relinquish-  
19 ment or reduction of any water right reserved  
20 or appropriated by the United States in the  
21 State on or before the date of enactment of this  
22 Act; or

23 (F) constitutes an express or implied Fed-  
24 eral reservation of any water or water rights  
25 with respect to the National Recreation area.



1 (9) FISHING EASEMENTS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title di-  
3 minishes or alters the fish and wildlife program  
4 for the Aspinall Unit developed under section 8  
5 of the Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known  
6 as the “Colorado River Storage Project Act”)  
7 (70 Stat. 110, chapter 203; 43 U.S.C. 620g),  
8 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,  
9 the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Colorado  
10 Division of Wildlife (including any successor in  
11 interest to that division) that provides for the  
12 acquisition of public access fishing easements as  
13 mitigation for the Aspinall Unit (referred to in  
14 this paragraph as the “program”).

15 (B) ACQUISITION OF FISHING EASE-  
16 MENTS.—The Secretary shall continue to fulfill  
17 the obligation of the Secretary under the pro-  
18 gram to acquire 26 miles of class 1 public fish-  
19 ing easements to provide to sportsmen access  
20 for fishing within the Upper Gunnison Basin  
21 upstream of the Aspinall Unit, subject to the  
22 condition that no existing fishing access down-  
23 stream of the Aspinall Unit shall be counted to-  
24 ward the minimum mileage requirement under  
25 the program.

1 (C) PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after  
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3 shall—

4 (i) develop a plan for fulfilling the ob-  
5 ligation of the Secretary described in sub-  
6 paragraph (B); and

7 (ii) submit to Congress a report  
8 that—

9 (I) includes the plan developed  
10 under clause (i); and

11 (II) describes any progress made  
12 in the acquisition of public access  
13 fishing easements as mitigation for  
14 the Aspinnall Unit under the program.

15 **SEC. 6403. ACQUISITION OF LAND; BOUNDARY MANAGE-**  
16 **MENT.**

17 (a) ACQUISITION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire  
19 any land or interest in land within the boundary of  
20 the National Recreation Area.

21 (2) MANNER OF ACQUISITION.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
23 graph (B), land described in paragraph (1) may  
24 be acquired under this subsection by—

25 (i) donation;

- 1 (ii) purchase from willing sellers with  
2 donated or appropriated funds;  
3 (iii) transfer from another Federal  
4 agency; or  
5 (iv) exchange.

6 (B) STATE LAND.—Land or interests in  
7 land owned by the State or a political subdivi-  
8 sion of the State may only be acquired by pur-  
9 chase, donation, or exchange.

10 (b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-  
11 TION.—

12 (1) FOREST SERVICE LAND.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Administrative jurisdic-  
14 tion over the approximately 2,560 acres of land  
15 identified on the map as “U.S. Forest Service  
16 proposed transfer to the National Park Service”  
17 is transferred to the Secretary, to be adminis-  
18 tered by the Director of the National Park  
19 Service as part of the National Recreation  
20 Area.

21 (B) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The  
22 boundary of the Gunnison National Forest shall  
23 be adjusted to exclude the land transferred to  
24 the Secretary under subparagraph (A).

1           (2) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND.—  
2       Administrative jurisdiction over the approximately  
3       5,040 acres of land identified on the map as “Bu-  
4       reau of Land Management proposed transfer to Na-  
5       tional Park Service” is transferred from the Director  
6       of the Bureau of Land Management to the Director  
7       of the National Park Service, to be administered as  
8       part of the National Recreation Area.

9           (3) WITHDRAWAL.—Administrative jurisdiction  
10      over the land identified on the map as “Proposed for  
11      transfer to the Bureau of Land Management, sub-  
12      ject to the revocation of Bureau of Reclamation  
13      withdrawal” shall be transferred to the Director of  
14      the Bureau of Land Management on relinquishment  
15      of the land by the Bureau of Reclamation and rev-  
16      ocation by the Bureau of Land Management of any  
17      withdrawal as may be necessary.

18      (c) POTENTIAL LAND EXCHANGE.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—The withdrawal for reclama-  
20      tion purposes of the land identified on the map as  
21      “Potential exchange lands” shall be relinquished by  
22      the Commissioner of Reclamation and revoked by  
23      the Director of the Bureau of Land Management  
24      and the land shall be transferred to the National  
25      Park Service.

1           (2) EXCHANGE; INCLUSION IN NATIONAL  
2 RECREATION AREA.—On transfer of the land de-  
3 scribed in paragraph (1), the transferred land—

4           (A) may be exchanged by the Secretary for  
5 private land described in section 6402(c)(5)—

6           (i) subject to a conservation easement  
7 remaining on the transferred land, to pro-  
8 tect the scenic resources of the transferred  
9 land; and

10          (ii) in accordance with the laws (in-  
11 cluding regulations) and policies governing  
12 National Park Service land exchanges; and

13          (B) if not exchanged under subparagraph  
14 (A), shall be added to, and managed as a part  
15 of, the National Recreation Area.

16       (d) ADDITION TO NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—  
17 Any land within the boundary of the National Recreation  
18 Area that is acquired by the United States shall be added  
19 to, and managed as a part of, the National Recreation  
20 Area.

21 **SEC. 6404. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

22       Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds  
23 are made available to carry out this title, the Director of  
24 the National Park Service, in consultation with the Com-  
25 missioner of Reclamation, shall prepare a general manage-

1 ment plan for the National Recreation Area in accordance  
2 with section 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 6405. BOUNDARY SURVEY.**

4       The Secretary (acting through the Director of the  
5 National Park Service) shall prepare a boundary survey  
6 and legal description of the National Recreation Area.

